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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist

RE: <u>Site Inspection, GoldTerra, Blue Castle Mine, S/015/077, Emery County, Utah</u>

Date of Inspection: March 28, 2003
Time of Inspection: about 5:10 to 5:20 p.m.
Conditions: Mostly clear, 40's
Participants: Paul Baker (DOGM)

Purpose of Inspection:

The operator has been reporting continued production at this site, so I decided to visit it while I was in the area.

Getting to the site:

Along US Highway 6/191 south of Wellington, there is a long, steep dugroad. Two miles south of this dugroad, there is a dirt road heading east. Follow this road for 2.4 miles and there is a graveled road leading left off the main road. Follow this road for about one or two hundred yards to the site.

Observations:

The site consists of an excavation I estimated at about 25 feet deep. Photo 1 was taken looking down into the hole. Photo 2 shows some of the material dug from the pit.

Signs in the area read, '"Danger" Keep Out' and 'BLM Permit Number UTU-76642.'

There is very little vegetation in the area, and the operator has a variance from revegetation requirements.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The pit is deep enough with sides that are steep enough that there is some danger to the public. Although there is a warning sign, the pit should be at least partially filled in or sloped so the sides are not quite so steep if possible.

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cc: Dan Sheppard, GoldTerra
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Photo 1. Looking from the top of the excavated material into the pit.

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Photo 2.